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TO USMISSION GENEVA

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E.O. 11652: GS

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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES: REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM

REF GENEVA 4250

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES INFORMATION PROVIDED REFTEL
AND LOOKS FORWARD TO RECEIPT OF COPY OF HCR
INSTRUCTIONS TO CAIRO REP.

2. IT WAS EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING THAT CAIRO REP
HAD QUERIED GENEVA RE POSSIBILITY OF USE OF
INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS (ICRC) TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION
BY REFUGEES WHO COME TO HIM WITHOUT PASSPORTS.
AS FAR AS WE KNOW, HE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED REPLY NOR
DOES RFTL SHED ANY LIGHT ON PRACTICALITY OF THIS
PROCEDURE. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT AN ICRC TRAVEL
DOCUMENT WOULD PROBABLY BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOE
AUTHORITIES.

3. RE FINAL SENTENCE PARA 2 OF REFTEL, CAIRO
UNHCR REP HAD INFORMED US THAT HE WAS PREPARED
PROVIDE TEMPORARY SHELTER AND SUBSISTENCE TO
REFUGEES WHO POSSESSED TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION WITHOUT
NEED TO REFER TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES. ONLY IN CASES
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WHERE TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION WAS UNAVAILABLE WAS HE REQUIRED

TO REPORT REFUGEE PRESENCE TO EGYPTIAN SECURITY
AUTHORITIES.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU
MAY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN CONCERNING POSSIBLE USE OF
ICRC TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION BY REFUGEES IN EGYPT. IF
THIS IS POSSIBILITY, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR CAIRO
UNHCR REP TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION AND
INSTRUCTIONS FROM HCR GENEVA ON HOW TO OBTAIN IT.
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